

FLOATER LOG RESPONSES AND GENERAL COMMENTS 2009

1) If you did not stay at a declared boat camp at any time during your float trip, why not?

- # 797 Started late first day, only person on river, decided to slow down.
- #803 We had intended a layover day at Trout Creek. When we arrive at our site, after floating past an RV park and the loud engines of ATVs resounding, only to find a car parked at our camp, Trout Creek. ATV noise, we decided to bolt after Trout Creek, so all our camps changed from here on out.
- #793 Low water made travel slow. This was our first trip down the Smith
- #522 There was a bad storm so we shared campsite at Upper Givens with party # 536.
- #526 7/4 Our declared camp was Sheep Wagon, but only the last boat saw the signage and everybody else swept by. 7/6 Our declared boat camp was Lower Rattlesnake, but we had technical problems and it got too late to make it so we stayed at Staigmiller. Both were unoccupied.
- #794 First night the name was changed from Dry Canyon to Syringa. The second night we wanted to make better time in low water.
- #158 Missed sign at Crows Foot. Back was to camp because facing other way to fish and right direction to go round bend.
- #156 It was taken by another floater.
- #112 Stayed at declared boat camps, however, Givens Gulch was so windy that we camped in the trees.
- #79 We did not stay at Ridgetop the fourth night as we rowed out.
- #82 Not enough time to get to it. Strong upstream wind.
- #124 Upper Givens two of three of our party missed landing due to obscured sign. Subsequently our stop at Lower Givens Gulch conflicted with guided group. Comment regarding Upper Givens is give it back to landowner.
- #60 Missed Rock Creek, snowing and cold so went to Canyon Depth, other campers said OK.
- #49 Too much snow, couldn't get up hill and stayed extra night at Heaven on Earth Ranch.
- #48 Cold, snowy, wet and windy so we decided to leave a day early.
- #32 Upper Sunset Cliff taken along with Middle and Lower. Bear Gulch was the next available, not convenient when with kids!
- #239 We felt like we made a mistake in trying to float short first two days and fishing wasn't good.

- #229 Someone was camped our declared camp. We could see across the river to Upper Ridge Top and it was empty. It was 6pm so we floated over and stayed there.
- #227 My designated camp was Middle Table Rock, an outfitter group was at Upper Table Rock and camps are too close.
- #169 Because the place was already occupied by another group who claimed we made a mistake. Having camped Upper vs. Lower Givens, we're not so sure they made the mistake.

2) If you were not satisfied with a boat camp at any time during your float trip, please tell us why you were dissatisfied.

- #169 Lower Givens covered in goose crap and far too windy for assembling around fire. We moved up to the road.
- #227 Goose poop everywhere
- #229 5/29 Upper Ridge Top toilet looks right into the neighbor's camp. Yikes!!
- #2 Bear Gulch was a great spot but horse/cow manure all over camp.
- #32 Bear Gulch, cow patties, road hammered and beaten down. We looked forward to being at Sunset Cliff.
- # 60 Lots of mud, mostly mud at Middle Sunset.
- #124 Upper Givens Gulch, couldn't see sign small difficult landing, river became narrow and difficult at the launch, due to split river.
- #82 Lots of giant thistle weed at Parker #3 including latrine trail.
- #112 Sheep Wagon, fire pit needs to be emptied of ashes, garbage and toilet paper buried under rocks from past campers.
- #156 Lower Rattlesnake is very close to upper Rattlesnake, no privacy.
- #63 Lower Givens, move the toilet, too close to the kitchen. Poor take out. Widow maker branch by fire pit. Close this spot.
- #89 Horses in camp at Lower Bear Gulch.
- #76 Road in Bear Gulch so no flat spots.
- #114 Lower Ridgetop, boat anchor post extremely loose, No privacy at Middle Ridgetop latrine. Need a screen.
- #115 Had to look at junk vehicles and scrap on opposing riverbank at Upper Bear Gulch.
- #133 Lower Trout Creek steep climb to latrine, also micro trash and shrimp tails. We still liked it there.
- #136 Lower and Upper Rattlesnake are awfully close.
- #149 Upper Rattlesnake, ax and wood chips lying all around fire pit area.
- #142 Lower Rattlesnake, too close to other people, felt trapped. Bears on the cliffs.

- #154 Upper Ridgetop, could see campers at Middle Ridgetop from our latrine.
- #159 Upper Rattlesnake, one tie up board was rotten we laid on ground.
- #158 It would be nice to know which camp sites had no shade in the afternoon. A couple camps had no trees to protect from sun.
- #57 Trout Creeks a fairly tight spot people wise.
- # Crowded at Lower Ridgetop. Party at Middle Ridgetop moved camp to be closer to the other party at Upper Ridgetop.
- #273 Latrine at Upper Ridgetop could be seen by campers at Middle Ridgetop.
- #276 Stagmiller campsite moved way too far, would be better at pit at other end.
- #294 Black Butte had a steep slope that was very muddy and nearly impossible to get up and down.
- #356 Parker Flat #1 long way to haul stuff, no one at #2 or #3 which were better, right on river. On Saturday night, floated by Cow Coulee camps at 8:30 pm with no one in them, don't know why we were put in such a crowded campsite at Sunset Cliffs.
- #351 Upper Bear Gulch had steep landing and lots of cow manure; view of old machinery across from camp was an eyesore. Won't stay there again.
- #779 Sheep Wagon lots of garbage in bushes, we cleaned it up.
- #33 County line was very exposed and no latrine privacy.
- # The group thought the camp sites very satisfied, I thought there were lots of wood chips around, not pristine by my standards.
- #202 Lower Scotty Allen beautiful, but could be a harsh hike to latrine.
- #195 Lower Rattlesnake, just too close to upper.
- #262 Two Creek was ok, but steep bank, no cover. Better camps before and after. Would choose others next time.
- #254 Upper Trout somewhat crowded lacked privacy.
- #207 Latrine was too close to other camp.
- #182 The latrine at Upper Ridgetop is in full view of middle camp and their latrine.
- #181 Lack of privacy at latrines.
- #400 Latrine was full at Rock Creek and Upper Cow.
- #429 The trail to the latrine at Upper Scotty Allen is eroding and difficult to maneuver especially after the rain.
- # 170 Horses at Crows Foot.
- #457 Middle Ridgetop too close to others latrine in view of upper and lower.
- #491 Latrine at Middle Scotty is not used by some people. They are using a site closer to camp.
- #392 Stagmiller's fire pit was too far from boat ramp.

- # Upper Givens, poor access nearly missed. One person fell in trying to land first boat. Should cut branches before sign.
- #387 Because some of the toilets could be more private.
- #380 Stagmiller is a long distance from boat dock.
- #378 Bit crowded at Upper Table Rock.
- #367 Upper Bear Gulch was least satisfactory because of cow pies.
- #339 Staigmiller is very disorganized. You can't see the river from the designated camp area. There are a lot of thistles and other weeds and camp is a long way from the boat tie off for no reason.
- #337 Camp Baker large group (10 or more) people pulled in with beer in their hand and continued partying loud until 1-2 am. They were inconsiderate of the quiet hours and obnoxious! It was group #240.
- #336 Sunset Cliff, Middle campers were rude, white trash.
- #333 Middle Scotty Allen too small.
- #326 Rattlesnake upper and lower too close.
- #324 Fire ring at Upper Givens a little messy. Need to clip some willows at the sign and landing are nearly impossible to see even if you know the area.
- #320 Upper Parker too far to fire ring, kitchen would work well on the beach.
- # Lower Parker Flat, latrine was in clear view of neighbors' camp. Low Rattlesnake, very windy no trees for shelter.
- #103 Upper Givens tight access limit to two boats.
- #469 Upper Givens cows and crap all over camp when we arrived. Hard boat landing and aggressive bear charged and would not leave.
- #463 Rattlesnake latrines are rather close together.
- #461 Scotty Allen's latrine was way too hard to get to.
- #455 Middle Fraunhofer is a worthless boat camp. We found the sign, we found the latrine, but where are the campsites?
- #450 Middle Fraunhofer horrible landing
- #446 Too close at middle Ridgetop
- #442 Camps were too close together.
- #436 Bear Gulch, uneven ground, latrine too close to camp.
- #431 Cow dung, lots of flies, unpleasant to walk around.
- #428 Paradise Bend was very dirty (6/24) when stopped for lunch.
- #425 Privacy at latrine was very poor at Middle Ridgetop.
- #421 Upper Table Rock burn pit useless when it has rained. Turned into a swimming pool. Needs to be put on higher ground. Loved Givens, but only experienced should try. Also, the latrines hole could cause an accident. (too big)
- #420 Middle Fraunhofer boat anchors and poles are broken, too hard of landing and Lower Black Butte too hard to land. Close to people.
- #416 Stagmiller fire pit in bad place, no hiking and too confined.

- #794 Syringa too much goose poop.
- #569 Too steep of banks at Middle Scotty Allen.
- #536 Upper Givens, runny cow pies all over the paths, latrine poorly dug, open gaps on both sides, dangerous at night. This is the second time that I have stayed at Upper Givens. Both times the camp was double booked. There is obviously some defect in the registration procedure that allows this to happen. The first time it happened, the other large party was an angry outfitter. This time it was only two people, so we shared.
- #612 Large amounts of poison ivy at Lower Ridgetop.
- #539 Crowsfoot was beautiful spot but the fire ring was under water after rainstorm.
- #810 Both Bear Gulch and Upper Givens were horrible camps, weed, cow shit, very unpleasant. Others we stayed or observed were very nice.
- #580 Sunset Cliff outhouse could have used a let line in some sections, hard to scale. Black Butte entry could use a couple of posts for a setline to help get up the steep, slippery slope.
- #542 Need to cut down the grass on the trail and around latrine at Parker Flat #1.
- #518 We stopped at Canyon Depth to use the latrine, but it is in awful shape, needs to be redone.
- #499 Crows Foot lots of biting flies from cattle.
- #497 Latrine on Middle Cow coulee needs more water, very smelly.
- #495 Crowded at Middle Ridgetop.
- #478 Middle Givens and Upper Givens are lousy camps. Cow manure and willows. Bad landing.
- #477 The fire ring at Staigmiller was poorly located for a fire near tent sites that are protected in the trees.
- #799 Livestock damage severe at Table Rock, Fraunhofer and Parker Flat. OHV damage at Sunset Cliff.

6) Did you witness any violations during your float trip (Park or fishing regulations, other)? If so, what and where? Please note the boat tag numbers if possible.

- RE: Parker #3, June 21, 2009 I was one of two with permit #399 that launched on June 18. On Sunday, June 21, we stopped at Parker # 3 at 11:30 to have lunch, having enjoyed this site before. We were distressed by what we found. The following is what we noticed: a wickiup from small trees and bushes from the site, the site was littered with the debris from this building effort, the fire was still smoldering and smoking, leftover breakfast eggs and a large piece of aluminum foil in the fire, six or so shrimp scattered around the site, marshmallows, a large serving of pasta dumped on the

ground by the fire circle, from the sawdust that was dry and damp (had been raining) and the logs there, it appeared that they had chain sawed several sections of the logs there. It did not appear to us that any effort had been made to clean up the camp when they left. All this debris was just scattered around. Again, we were shocked by their actions. Having floated this river five times and never having seen such disregard, we feel that some action should be enacted. I do have several pictures that I can email to you. We so appreciate being able to float this river, feeling that is an exceptional experience. Thank you for efforts in managing it so well. Jane Cole 2213 Allison Street, Lakewood, CO 80214

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- #501 Dog without a leash, however I do not like/agree that dogs need to be on a leash.
- #526 Coffee grounds scattered at Lower Givens near the fire pit. I cleaned up the grounds.
- #401 Dog feces left at Canyon Depth campground.
- #395 Gunshots at Middle or Lower Sunset. We didn't see it just heard it.
- #28 Other group fishing up closed creek. Didn't
- #784 Fireworks on Lower Sunset on 4/22/09
- #280 At Upper Ridgetop someone emptied the fire pit into the brush.
- #236 Fire left at Cow Coulee by last camper.
- #88 Female guide parked in middle of river and on bad corners, hard to get around.
- #101 Multiple gun shots at upper Cow Coulee well after midnight, same this at Parker.
- #239 We brought out more garbage than we took in.
- #60 Unleashed dogs, but I like dogs.
- #112 At Givens Gulch an unassigned group was camped and had a campfire not in fire ring.
- #37 Party at Middle Ridgetop moved camp and may have been camping in unapproved area.
- #273 Hot coals found at both Canyon Depth and at a rest break at Lower Givens Gulch.
- #33 4/22 un-extinguished campfire, Syringa.
- #222 Prior occupant at Table Rock did not put out fire.
- #262 18 people at Upper Rattlesnake
- #337 Party #240 were loud and obnoxious at Sunset Cliff. No real violation, however.
- #326 Boat #628 stopping in corners, pulling in front of others needs to learn boating etiquette.
- #103 People shooting out of boat.
- #450 Two fires not doused, Middle Cow and Bear Gulch (6/25).
- #446 Trash at Upper Rattlesnake from 6/25 evening.

- #436 People throwing rocks off cliff across from Lower Black Butte.
- #529 Dog poop at Upper Sunset. People at Middle Ridge Top were breaking dead limbs off of trees for firewood on 7/7/09.
- #518 Floaters at Upper Ridgetop 7/4/09 were throwing rocks from top of cliffs, blind to possible floaters below.
- #497 Upper Rattlesnake, 10am campers were gone, full fire in campfire ring. We put it out.
- #799 Off road vehicle damage at Upper Sunset Cliff camp with tracks leading to property across river (where picnic tables are.)
- #331 Syringa, previous occupants skidded large logs for firewood straight down steep hill leaving a few divided skid trails.

8) Any other comments you have about your Smith River trip or about the river in general are more than welcome.

- #297 Female ranger at Camp Baker was awesome!
- Greetings and thank you for managing the beautiful Smith River canyon for permitted public use. Three of us enjoyed a terrific five-day float from June 10th – 14th. The weather gave us a break; no snow or even rain. Two of us caught about fifty fish on the trip, and have no serious complaints. Knowing that you are considering proposed changes to river regulations, I have one suggestion. The 15-person maximum is too many. We encountered two of these large groups: Once you are in a parade of 6-9 boats, it is hard to get out of the line. I think a four-boat limit would be a better limitation than the current fifteen people maximum. This limitation would improve the already fine quality of a river trip down the Smith. Thank you for hearing my thoughts. Robert Lee 1045 1st W, Missoula, MT
- #335 The left channel to the take out is getting very little water and is a fair amount of work.
- #309 The fireboxes have improved the campsites.
- #307 Camps and latrines very much appreciated. Do not get rid of. It snowed and rained on our face for 3 days, but it was better than the worst day at work. Saw three cow elk.
- #308 Great help at Camp Baker. Thanks Anna
- #310 Keep up the good work. Let's get rid of the spurge.
- #311 Noticed Hounds Tongue at Lower Givens Gulch.
- #5 Love being able to take the dogs with. Keep them on the river.
- #778 Well organized. Only question our group had was the last day and the side channel. Wouldn't it be possible for someone to do a weekly check of the side channel because it has more flow? Have a note/sign below warning saying right channel was checked on such and such date.

- #3 Support no dogs on river policy, support pack out waste, support LNT fire options. Polite and helpful ranger at Baker. Channel split before Eden not marked as described.
- # 807 The system for declaring campsites is potentially flawed. Use of pegs instead of written declaration. Ranger should have been present on 4/17 appeared to be 7 launches. Also there were dogs all over the place. Dogs need to be outlawed or more securely dealt with.
- #221 Let people know about horses at Crows Foot.
- #218 Rangers were very nice.
- #217 After 23 years of absence it was better than before.
- #216 Keep up the good work.
- #215 Can't wait to come back.
- #213 FWP rangers and volunteers do one excellent job.
- #212 Hounds Tongue at upper Rock Creek is bad. Needs to be taken care of.
- #204 FWP doing a good job.
- #200 Great time, did not feel crowded on river.
- # Beautiful, incredible, one of my favorite places.
- #194 The weeds are fewer.
- #199 FWP manages this well.
- #185 Reduce party size to 8, and/or number of boats per party to 4.
- #180 This river is a national treasure. As a society, we should do everything possible to keep it pristine.
- #176 Absolutely beautiful and serene. Respectful campers who cleaned up after themselves. Wonderful wildlife viewing. A terrific "Wild" Smith experience.
- #266 Great float
- #490 The procedure for check in needs to change. A person should be able to register when they arrive at Camp Baker.
- #365 Very fun and exciting. We all had a blast.
- #348 We enjoyed our trip. Rangers at put were very helpful.
- #338 Any trip on the Smith is great.
- #330 less outfitting
- #328 Nice job with the weeds!
- #317 Wonderful! Rangers were very nice.
- #305 This state is very beautiful, and a river runs through it.
- #117 The float is beautiful scenery etc. fishing poor.
- #472 Left channel at mile 57.3 has large gravel bar built up this year. It will probably close off next year. Right channel will have to be cut out.
- #466 The channel split sign was hard to read.
- #465 Excellent time will all put in for permit next year.
- #449 Thanks for your work and work ethics. The results of your efforts can be seen.

- #548 Outfitter not using common sense at put in #554. Outfitter trailer taking up space at takeout ramp with no rafts there holding space.
- # The FWP team does a fantastic job from launch to takeout, was a privilege to be able to float such a well-managed trip.
- #439 Boat ties are really nice. Expand map to include the history of the river. Don't let people drive through the river. The 9-hole golf course really shouldn't be on wilderness river.
- #438 Please continue to have dogs. They are part of our family. Latrines are a must. Nice trip. Thank you
- #427 We commend the FWP people for keeping this river as pristine as it was on our first trip in the 1980's. We've taken 8+ trips and enjoy and appreciate its beauty more and more.
- #793 We went late in the float season and felt like we had the place to ourselves. The water level was very low, but okay since we were in kayaks.
- #505 One of the most beautiful float trips I've experienced. Excellent campsites. I feel very privileged and fortunate to have my name selected for this float. Thank you
- #583 Please clear logs from right channel there is not enough water in left channel to float.
- # Cool place. Slow at the end. Fishing was way below expectations.
- #792 Weed situation is much improved. Keep up the weed control! Fishing is terrible. Get more water in the river any way you can.
- #617 The campsites were clean and nice even after a whole season.
- #613 Eagle Creek was at 200 cfs when we left. Wouldn't hurt to warn floaters a little more about all the rocks they will have to deal with.
- #606 The sign indicating the split in the river a few miles upstream from the take out is woefully inadequate. We had no idea where to cross. In fact, we initially went down the right channel assuming it looped back to the left. Also, you need to indicate about how far the portage will be. Three different state employees told us 500 feet, then ½ mile, then one mile.
- #602 Do not understand where FTE money goes in respect to channel split. Seems a few thousand to hire a local teenager/summer ranch hand to keep right channel open with chainsaw would really be possible with 4,000 + floaters 1 yr only really. Sour part of trip. FWP makes too much money to wreck my boat by dragging it at end.
- #382 Keep up the good work. Great river ranger at check in. Mike was a pleasure to work with.
- #803 We were shocked at the amount of development along a permitted river. The cost of the permit is the highest we have ever paid; the richness of experience was out of line with permit cost.

- #615 If I do it again I'd prefer about twice as much water, lots of rocks.
- #578 Smaller group sizes.
- #574 It was fun. Please fix channel split so can go down main channel.
- #572 Nice trip, challenging canoeing in spots. Please don't change regulations to require packing out human waste. I would rather pay more for the permit and keep latrines.
- #552 Great job on the weeds! Saw the weed crew, wonderful people.
- #563 Too much leafy spurge along river.
- #553 Awesome trip
- #504 Got fatigue at one point and stopped on opposite side of home site on river. Resident did not act upset but took boat number. They seemed to have agenda against boaters.
- #493 Please stop allowing fisherman from using spinning gear. They are killing the fishing stock. Barbless hooks only. Staff on river are outstanding!
- #481 Enjoyable as always. Bear spotted at lower and middle Ridgetop crossed thru lower campground.
- #516 Overall very satisfied. Very clean campsites. Slow water last five miles.
- #793 This was a great experience in one of Montana's most spectacular places.
- #501 Great float, thanks. However, need to remove snags in river on day four.
- #401 Great trip.
- #395 FWP staff on both ends were awesome. The bathroom at Eden Bridge was the best. Thank you the Rices
- #28 Latrines were great. Thanks for great management. Kyle was great at launch.
- #784 Thanks! Chuck was the man.
- #280 It would be nice to know what mileage we are at on the river. Indian caves- boy scouts could build steps so it's not so dangerous on the steep parts.
- #236 I was disappointed by the subdivision of the river corridor. I hope the state, county; forest service and BLM can work hard to slow development.
- #101 Keep up good job on camps. Toilet at Parker #1 is tipping over.
- #49 We support going to a self-support on latrines. Nice to have but quite a hike to many. Wag bag systems are so easy now.
- #239 We will be back and thank you very much.
- #60 Perfect trip, soloed five days. My 62nd birthday present.

- #112 At Upper Fraunhoffer we saw a cougar on the left side of the river. We woke the next morning to two inches of snow. Sun cam out during the day and the following morning we saw a bear. Cool!
- #37 Smith River is a great experience. Surprised by number of people this time of year.
- #273 Much less litter and micro litter than in previous years, very nice.
- #351 Same beautiful river. Camps seem to be in great shape overall. Suggest a three-year waiting period before being eligible to apply again after receiving a permit. Thanks for all the hard work.
- #33 Wonderful time. Must do it again during May or July. MT is beautiful.
- #337 Perhaps the Black Butte camps ought to be combined into on camp.
- #326 Leafy Spurge problem on the whole river. It's great; I'd like to come again. Nice public access, thank god.
- #103 Awesome river, let's limit number of floaters per day. I believe carrying out waste would be good for this river and allow more time for rangers to do other work.
- #450 More interpretation of route, history, culture. Outfitters get best campsites. Lottery system to include sites. Include topo lines on map.
- #436 A latrine in the last stretch to Eden Bridge.
- #428 Pre float ranger talk should include emphasis on soap etc. in river and make sure floaters know regs. Leafy Spurge is a problem. Can floaters help in the solution?
- #536 This is the second time that I have stayed at Upper Givens. Both times the camp was double booked. There is obviously there is some defect in the registration procedure that allows this to happen. The first time it happened the other large party was an angry outfitter. This time it was only two people, so we shared.
- #590 Campsites are very well maintained and beautiful.
- #810 Latrines should be better rehabilitated after moved. Smooth out and reseed with native seed.
- #529 Anna was great. We liked the ranger visit at camp. Great job.
- #518 What are you doing to manage leafy spurge? It is terrible and does not reflect well on FWP's management. Mike, the ranger at put in was well informed. He made good camp recommendations and was very kind to our kids. He's great.
- #497 Thanks for doing a great job, the river is so beautiful and camps were all in clean condition. Mike was very friendly and helpful.
- #477 Very clean and well done. Beautiful River. I'll be back.
- #478 Keep after the weed control. Looks like you're making some progress on it.

- #499 Whole system works great. You might clear out right channel as left is marginal.
- #452 Keep it wild. No development on the river.
- #797 The rangers did a great job cleaning the camps at seasons end. Since I was the only one on the river, the people in their cabins actually wanted to visit. Colin, the downed trees at Hound Creek are a little better, but it's still a mess. If you get some people together to cut out a few of the big trees, let me know and I'll help.
Thanks Tim
- #539 Friendly rangers!!
- #596 The FWP guy told us left channel at end of 4th day would only require dragging boat over a gravel bar. He didn't mention the gravel bar was ½ mile long and you would have to strip your boat and carry all your gear. That was total bullshit and every other floater at the take out was just as mad at this jerk.
- #794 Don't allow so much water to be diverted for irrigation. Don't allow dogs. Encourage people to use a tarp so good crumbs don't attract ants.
- #425 If fishing had been better we would rate the trip 5+. Rangers Mike, Jesse and Kyle were great.
- #431 We have heard there is consideration of having everyone take care of/carry in/out their own latrine. We have floated the Salmon many times- people go to the toilet everywhere-they don't carry in or out. Please keep the Smith latrine system.
- #442 Have a 5-7 year waiting period if you are successful on draw just like a moose permit. Either restrict launches/day or number of people. Sometimes it was way too crowded.
- #455 Did we mention that Middle Fraunhofer is worthless boat camp? Also, we did not bring our dogs, but we enjoyed seeing other dogs. Do not ban dogs.
- #461 Can't the state lease some of that land at the end and help folks get out earlier. Talk about ruining a great trip.
- #463 Beautiful trip. Thanks for the great quality.
- #469 Outfitters drop anchor in middle of river and get offended when you get around them with taunting.
- #120 Plant trees for wind shelter at Lower Rattlesnake camp.
- #320 Turn all land into public land.
- #324 Like the permit system. Would like to see slightly smaller groups.
- #333 Keep the latrines! Will pay more!
- #336 Some campgrounds were too close Ridgetop/Sunset, other than that absolutely fantastic trip.
- #367 We had a great time. The ranger Kyle is most helpful.
- #378 Higher privacy fence at Upper Table Rock latrine. All barbless hook and catch and release. Very clean campsites.
- #380 Too many noxious weeds along the river.

- #387 Please provide more private toilets at Table Rock and Ridgetop.
- #390 Beautiful trip
- #491 Please reconsider any ideas about packing out human waste. I believe people will violate it.
- #275 I don't have a dog, but please keep allowing dogs to clean up food scraps left by previous campers, otherwise scavengers would overrun camps. I camp with scraps everywhere and the dogs with us cleaned that up nicely.
- #457 Right channel at takeout had trees. They need to be cleared for safety reasons.
- #397 Need mile markers and caution signs.
- #175 Thank You! Great trip!
- #181 It was wonderful, and the food was stupendous!
- #182 Rangers at put in and take out were both great!
- #207 Nice not to see the river crowded with outfitters and guides. Had a great trip.
- #245 The wildflowers and birds were spectacular and the weather.
- #254 Will do it again if we can get a permit.
- #256 Great trip, and very nice boat camps.
- #195 Keep it up.
- #202 Love it rain or shine!! Good friends, and good rangers. Wish we could do it more often.
- #209 Horses at Crowsfoot campsite was a cool and unexpected addition. Overall outstanding.
- #779 we love this river!!!
- #294 We saw a young bear at Sunset.
- #276 Great trip campsites left clean, FWP staff were great, especially at put in.
- #159 It was awesome.
- #149 Would hope camp host at take out would move all boats down river when boats arrive. Need Kirk Perszyk back at Camp Baker and the river. He's a great employee for FWP.
- #136 Please don't take the latrines away. People will still poop in camp. Only very good floaters will pack it out. We love the latrines.
- #115 Motorized vehicles should not be permitted to pollute the Smith River and disturb the streambed by driving across and through the river.
- #114 Wonderful trip can't wait for next year.
- #89 Keep allowing dogs on river. Latrines are great.
- #90 Great scenery and camping.
- #156 The Smith is always the best river trip. Thank you for allowing us use of this beautiful spot.
- #556 Camps were clean, fire rings are great and signage good. Kyle the ranger helpful. Overall great trip.

- #2 About dogs, we enjoy floating with dogs and understand that this is an issue when the river is crowded. Maybe have designated dog camps during the busy season to alleviate problems. Also at low levels there are quite a few areas that are more sketchy than the actual rapids at Givens Gulch.
- #227 No one should be able to hold more than one permit via cancellation at a time.
- #62 We love the latrines. Keep them, I'll help clean them.
- #74 Awesome float! Lots of noisy geese. Thank you Montana stream access law.
- #144 We are very happy with the management of the Smith River.
- #107 We had another great Smith River experience.
- #121 Camp Baker could use a better walk down to water, pavers were steep and slippery. Ranger Kyle was very polite, helpful, sincere, accommodating and friendly.
- #127 There is so much goose feces at camps. Goose poop could be managed better. One night we spent a good 45 minutes cleaning our camp we could put our tents up.
- #132 Ban boat anchors. Having boats holding in holes feels like floating the MO plus it rakes the bottom.
- #157 Kyle Anderson was pleasant, knowledgeable and very helpful and caring. Great rep for MT FWP.
- #160 Great experience. Kyle was great.
- #163 Very well managed experience. FWP admin people very helpful and friendly. (Colin) Magnificent scenery, will return someday to fish in June.
- #56 Turkey hunting for Meagher County should be considered.
- #233 Well managed and perfect. Thank you for the lifetime memory.
- #234 Beautiful river, wish the fishing was better.
- #272 We will put in again it was terrific.
- #600 It'd be good if you could fix that right channel where all the water is going. Would support cutting groups down to 10 or less.
- #799 The fishing was extraordinary from Camp Baker to the cabins at about mile 20. After that the river bottom changed color to reddish brown, insects were not present and few fish were observed or caught. ORV damage at Sunset Cliff and in meadow behind camp. Severe livestock damage mm 30-38. Weeds are in great shape compared to 5 yrs ago. Something must be done about the negative change in river biology beginning at the cabins around mile 20.
- #410 To possibly add plastic and glass recycling at Eden Bridge.